



Tennessee Regulatory Authority

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TRA Elects New Chairman

Nashville, Tennessee – In its first official act of business, the newly confirmed, four-person Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) board today elected Sara Kyle to serve as chairman.

Director Kyle, House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh's nominee to the TRA board, has served as a TRA Director for the past six-years, including the last two as chairman. Upon receiving the chairmanship vote by her fellow Directors, Director Kyle expressed her desire and commitment to carry out the agency's primary mission – to promote competition and the public interest.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve as chair of this body. I look forward to not only continuing the fine work this agency has already demonstrated, but to maintaining the regulatory standards expected of us by both the Tennessee General Assembly and Tennessee consumers," she said.

A bill recently passed by both Houses of the General Assembly expanded the leadership of TRA board from three to four members. The remaining three TRA Directors include: Director Pat Miller, who was nominated by Lt. Governor John Wilder; Director Deborah Taylor Tate, who was nominated by Governor Don Sundquist; and Director Ron Jones, who was nominated jointly by the Governor, Lt. Governor and House Speaker.

In related business, the Directors unanimously agreed to rotate the chair to ensure that each nominee of the respective appointing authorities would have the opportunity to serve as chair during his or her term in office.

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The Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) provides regulatory oversight to Tennessee's investor-owned public utilities. Our jurisdiction includes approximately 1200 utility service providers including the intrastate transmission of natural gas. For more information about the TRA, visit our web site at www.state.tn.us/tra.

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